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SUBJECT: CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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1. AMBASSADOR MILLER CALLED ON THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SECRETARY
GENERAL ZAKARIA OF MFA JUNE 21 AND LEFT A DRAFT COPY OF HIS

CREDENTIALS PRESENTATION STATEMENT WITH THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL.
THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT STATEMENT FOLLOWS: REQUEST DEPT APPROVAL.

2. QUOTE: YOUR MAJESTY, I AM GREATLY HONORED TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED
TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA,
AND IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT TO YOU THE LETTERS OF RECALL
OF MY PREDECESSOR. I SHOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO

CONVEY TO YOUR MAJESTY, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, OUR VERY BEST WISHES
AND OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS THAT HAVE EXISTED

BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES SINCE MERDEKA WILL BE PRESERVED AND

FURTHER STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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3. IT IS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING TO ME TO COME TO MALAYSIA DURING THE
YEAR YOU WILL CELEBRATE THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR
INDEPENDENCE. THAT INDEPENDENCE WAS CONCEIVED AND BROUGHT
FORTH UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, AND MALAYSIA'S EXAMPLE

OF POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS AN INSPIRATION TO THE WHOLE WORLD. RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN HARMONIOUS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE IDEALS WE SHARE. THESE INCLUDE A HERITAGE OF RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN FREEDOM, DEDICATION TO AN OPEN ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. WE ALSO SHARE A GROWING NUMBER OF COMMON INTERESTS, INCLUDING A STRONG TRADING PARTNERSHIP, SUBSTANTIAL INVESTMENT TIES, AND DEEPENING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL BONDS.

4. IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT I COME TO MALAYSIA AT A TIME OF INCREASING REGIONAL COOPERATION IN WHICH MALAYSIA IS PLAYING ITS FULL ROLE, AND AS ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO OPEN A DIALOGUE BETWEEN ASEAN AND THE UNITED STATES. IN AUGUST THE ASEAN HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL GATHER IN KUALA LUMPUR FOR THEIR SECOND SUMMIT MEETING. SOON AFTER THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF MY GOVERNMENT WILL OPEN FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH ASEAN IN MANILA. THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN MALAYSIA AND IN THE REGION, AND WELCOMES THE STEPS BY THE SEAN COUNTRIES TO JOIN TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THEIR COMMON WELFARE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MUTUALLY PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH ASEAN AND WITH ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA WILL HAVE FRUITFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS, AND WE NOTE THAT MALAYSIA'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SUCH RELATIONSHIPS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PARALLELED BY THOSE OF THE UNITED STATES.

5. YOUR MAJESTY, I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING MALAYSIA JUST A LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. DURING MY BRIEF STAY THEN, I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE GRACIOUSNESS OF YOUR PEOPLE AND THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY. IT WAS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I LEARNED THAT I WOULD BE COMING BACK SO SOON TO SERVE MY COUNTRY AS AMBASSADOR TO MALAYSIA. IT IS MY HAPPY DUTY TO CONVEY TO YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE THE SINCERE BEST WISHES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR CONTINUED PEACE AND PROSPERITY, AND FOR CONTINUED CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE:

6. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN ON JUNE 23. THE AMBASSADOR WILL PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS TO THE KING ON JULY 2.
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